

ENGINEER DIES AT POST OF DUTY

Arch P. Satterfield Is Killed in Wreck at Stokesland, on Southern.

TRAIN HITS OPEN SIDING

Engine Turns Somersault and Falls at Side of Main Track.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, Va., December 29.—A southbound mail and passenger train, was wrecked to-night at Stokesland, a mile south of this city, and Engineer Arch P. Satterfield, who had been in the service of the Southern for over twenty years, was killed outright and several others injured. Indications are that Satterfield died while at his post of duty. His mangled remains were found under his engine, which turned over.

The wreck was remarkable in many respects, and but for a mere freak of fate a wreck with disastrous results and frightful loss of life would probably have resulted. The train was speeding southward, when it ran into a siding, and if the switch at the opposite end of the siding had been open, the train would have passed through, and any accident avoided. The engine, upon reaching the second switch on the siding, turned a somersault and fell on the opposite side of the main track. But for the fact that the locomotive got out of the way of the crushing express, baggage and passenger coaches, they would have been smashed into splinters.

Wrecking crews were sent out from Danville and in a short time the main track, which was never really blocked, was cleared.

Only two were seriously injured: Fireman Ellis Davis, of Spencer, N. C., and Postal Clerk D. W. Duval, of Hyattsville, Md. Davis was carried to Spencer, N. C., and Duval brought to-night to the General Hospital here. He is suffering from contusions and the shock and will recover.

ISSUE AUTHORIZED

Norfolk and Southern Will Spend Million in Repairs.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., December 29.—A decree by Judge Waddell to-day in the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, authorized the issuance by the receivers of the Norfolk and Southern Railway of certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$1,000,000 for railroad completions, repairs, maintenance, etc. The certificates, issued in denominations of \$1,000 each, are not to be sold at less than 95, and bearing 6 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, are due one year from date at the office of the Manhattan Trust Company in New York with the right, however, renewed for one year reserved to the receivers. The \$1,000,000 issuance is a prior lien on all the receivership property as well as its income. The court reserves the right to authorize a further issuance of certificates to the extent of \$500,000 to be placed on a parity with the present issue, but any other issuance must come as a second lien only.

INTERESTING FIGHT

End Not Yet in Sight in Norfolk Telephone Tangle.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., December 29.—The discussion of the proposed telephone merger continues in Norfolk, but there is as yet little probability of a settlement of the question, or of its coming to an agreement that will be acceptable to both the city and Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. Several solutions have been discussed, but none accepted. The trouble arises over the fact that the Southern Bell Company wishes the amendment of the present franchise, radiating the provision of repeal reserved by the city in case the service rendered is not satisfactory, or its amendment, so as to allow of an appeal to the courts. A strong fight is being made by other citizens to keep this clause in the franchise. The fight is an interesting one, and is being handled by the Industrial Commission. The amendment of the present franchise would be beneficial, going away with the cost of the maintenance of two telephone systems by business people, is admitted, but the question of the surrender of a clause in the present franchise that gives the city the power of enforcing adequate service by the Bell Company?

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

Young Man Plays With Gun and Wounds Himself.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WOODSTOCK, Va., December 29.—Russell Ryman, a young man of twenty years, was seriously if not fatally injured last night by Roy Kipp's, a companion. These two, with some other young men, started on a masquerading trip in the country near St. Luke, several miles west of here, and while riding along, Kipp drew a pistol, intending to shoot in the air, but in some way the ball struck Ryman between the shoulders near the spine. The ball has not been located.

NEW NAVAL Y. M. C. A.

Magnificent Quarters Will Soon Be Opened.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., December 29.—Immediately on the return of Secretary O. D. Leibniz from New York, the date for the formal opening of the new Naval Y. M. C. A., which is now practically complete, will be announced. He is in conference with the international officers of this branch of the work in reference to the celebration. The present quarters of the association, on Church Street, are being vacated this week, and the closing service in the old building will be held next Sunday. The new structure is at the corner of Brooke Avenue and South Street. It was built through a gift of John D. Rockefeller, and cost \$250,000. The building proper cost \$250,000.

A TRIAL WHICH PROMISES SENSATIONS



A. DUTTON MACDADE, district attorney, prosecutor.
JUDGE ISAAC JOHNSON, who is presiding at the trial.

THE COURTHOUSE, where the trial of Mrs. J. Clayton Erb is being held. Mrs. J. Clayton Erb, who is on trial at Media, Pa., for the murder of her husband. Her sister, Mrs. Catharine Hessel, will face the jury with her.

THREW LAMP AT BLACK INTRUDER

Negro Took to Flight When Found in House by Young Women.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROANOKE, Va., December 29.—Misses Helen and Bessie Kern, of Vinton, had an exciting experience last night with a negro, who was concealed in the house. They were alone, their brother being in Roanoke. Miss Helen started into the kitchen and felt a pressure against the door. She pushed it open and there was a negro. Miss Bessie, who was following her, threw the lighted lamp she was carrying at the negro, striking him on the shoulder and he fled. Under the kitchen table was found some clothing that he had stolen out of the hall. The young ladies recognized him as a negro they had fed Saturday afternoon.

Bruton Parish Celebration

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WILLIAMSBURG, Va., December 29.—A Christmas tree celebration was given in Bruton Parish Church yesterday evening, at which time Santa Claus visited all members of the church, bringing in his capacious pockets, small presents for all members of the church.

Girl Badly Injured

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SUFFOLK, Va., December 29.—Having been accidentally shot by her sister, near Bosley, N. C. Christmas Day, Miss Bertha King to-day was taken to a Norfolk hospital, by Dr. E. F. Corbett, of Sunbury, who says her condition is serious. She is in danger of losing her arm, possibly her life. The girls were at target practice with a double barreled gun, which went off prematurely.

Inspects Norfolk Bakeries

NORFOLK, December 29.—To-day State Food Inspector L. D. Jones completed an inspection of the Norfolk bakeries. While he declined to make any statement for publication, Health Commissioner Dupuy, who was present at the majority of the inspections, declares that there is no doubt of a favorable report being made. Mr. Jones returned immediately to Richmond.

Christmas Entertainment

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LOUISA, Va., December 29.—An entertainment was given at the Methodist church here last night. A Christmas cantata, dialogues and recitations were given by the children and young people. Music was rendered by the choir.

Officers Installed

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WILLIAMSBURG, Va., December 29.—The annual installation of officers for Williamsburg Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., took place last night, in the lodge room in the Division Bank Hall. The following are the officers who were installed: J. B. Wilkins, master; A. Brooks, Jr., senior warden; E. R. Savage, junior warden; Dr. George A. Hankins, treasurer; F. A. Ball, secretary; W. A. Bazarth, senior deacon; R. H. Hultman, junior deacon; Richard Braithwaite, iller; Robert Galt, chaplain. After the installation of officers a banquet was served, at which plenty of Christmas cheer was in evidence.

News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., December 29.

The Norfolk and Western Railway Company's plans for the erection of the new station in the lower part of the city, providing for the expenditure of \$50,000 on the station and \$30,000 for additional improvements, but involving the raising of the grade of the two adjacent streets two feet or more, having been approved by the Common Council, but rejected by the Board of Aldermen, it is now up to the city to act. The rejection of the company's plans by the Aldermen was on the ground of expense to the city and damage to the abutting property that might result by the raising of the streets. It is understood that the city will make a counter-proposition to the railway company, which may do away with the objections alleged against the latter's plans, and on which the two can agree. It is reported indeed that two or more counterplans have been discussed. Meanwhile the Norfolk and Western Company is resting on its proposition, and an President Johnson made clear in a recent conference here, will take no further steps towards the contemplated improvement until the city acts.

Public Stabling Affair. It is stated that E. Bland, Jr., was fatally stabbed by Sylvanus Hamlin, both colored, near Church Road, in Dinwiddie county, on Christmas Day. The two men, with some friends, met in the public road, and Bland, being under the influence of drink, attacked Hamlin with a knife. The latter finally got Bland's knife from him, and stabbed him with it, inflicting a wound from which Bland died the following day. It is said that Bland was rather a desperate man when in drink. Hamlin is a mere boy, and public sympathy seems to be on his side.

Thomas Smith, who was stabbed last night during a difficulty with Junius Jones, on Old Street, is said to be in a precarious condition. Both are Chesterfield negroes, and there existed an old quarrel between them. Jones used an ugly long-bladed knife on Smith and inflicted a wound in the left side, the blade penetrating through to the cavity. The attending physician thinks the wound a very dangerous one.

Death of W. W. Brister. Mr. W. W. Brister died at an early hour this morning at his residence on Halifax Street, after a long period of ill health, which had forced his retirement from business. Mr. Brister was for many years a merchant and company here, and had a long and successful business on Halifax Street. He was an upright, popular citizen and very highly respected in the community. He was a Confederate veteran, serving throughout the war in the Signal Corps. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Walter, Claude, Richard and Emmett Brister and Mrs. W. A. Brockwell. He is also survived by several brothers.

Stock Barn Burns. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SMITH'S CROSS ROADS, Va., December 29.—L. F. Shephard, proprietor of Whitey Stock Farm, two miles south of here, lost his stock barn this morning about 3 o'clock by fire. The barn contained about twelve or fifteen horses and mules, together with a large amount of feed and grain, as well as all harness. No information can be gained as to the origin of the fire.

Father and I and the Baby—

how we made fools of ourselves and how much good it did us during the first few days of the baby's life—that's a story that has never been told before, and will never be told again so intimately and so truly as Mary Heaton Vorse tells it in "The Story of a Very Little Person." Mr. Vorse tells his side too, adding to the fun as well as to the truth of this ever-interesting domestic situation. You'll have a good laugh with this happy family when you read

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BODY OF FARMER FOUND IN SOUND

Six Young Men Are Arrested, Charged With Having Murdered Him.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SUEFOLK, Va., December 29.—Six young men and boys, accused of murdering John Mitchell, a farmer, at Edenton, N. C., on Christmas Day, were arraigned to-day for preliminary trial in that town. They are James Goodwyn, John Lassiter, Will Dure (white men) and Will Cook and W. H. Warren, the last named negroes. Though the body was found in Albemarle Sound four days ago, the head having been crushed, no arrests were made until last evening, when a woman living near the scene, who previously had kept quiet, claimed she saw the death blow stricken with an iron bar.

SCHOONER IN TOW

Vessel Abandoned by Crew Picked Up by Cutter.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., December 29.—In tow of the revenue cutter Onondaga, the schooner William J. Leonard, abandoned at sea by her crew, is now en route up to coast to Norfolk, according to a wireless message received. She was stranded in the recent storm off Gloucester. The vessel is of 708 tons register, owned by Pendleton Brothers and was bound from Fernandina, Fla., to Philadelphia with a lumber cargo.

ELKS GIVE TREAT

Hundreds of Children at Lynchburg Are Made Happy.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, Va., December 29.—The Lynchburg Lodge of Elks this afternoon gave its usual Christmas "treat" to 350 of the poorer children of the city, each child receiving a box of candy and fruits and a substantial toy, while many of them were given hats or caps.

To-morrow afternoon nearly 200 baskets of provisions will be delivered to poor families. The treat represents nearly \$1,500 worth of goods. Al Orth, the well known baseball player and manager of the local team, was in charge of the arrangements for the event as general chairman of the committee on arrangements. The Elks' Home, which is located upon the site of the home of General Jubal A. Early, was thronged for several hours with children, who were delighted with an extended concert given by the Academy of Music Orchestra.

Christmas Watermelon

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 29.—C. H. Burkamp, yesterday brought to this city yesterday a ripe watermelon which is now on exhibition. In September he threw some watermelon seed on the south side of his barn in a lot of straw. One of them grew into a vine, bloomed and bore a watermelon, which he plucked on Christmas Day.

Maons Banquet

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RICHMOND, Va., December 29.—St. John's Lodge of Masons, No. 114, gave a banquet last night. The officers for the ensuing year were installed. A number of the members made speeches.

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"Wets" and "Drys" Close Their Local Option Fight in Roanoke.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROANOKE, Va., December 29.—The local option campaign in Roanoke was closed to-night with a parade of nearly 2,000 "dry" torch-bearers, followed by a mass meeting at the rink, addressed by several local speakers and Hon. Seaborn Wright, of Georgia. The torch-bearers formed at the churches in various sections of the city and met at the plaza of the depot, after which the principal streets were paraded.

The Anti-Saloon League to-day published what is claimed to have been a letter to one of the "dry" judges of the elections, warning him if he served his post would be made public from letters in possession of the writer.

Something of a stir was created by a clash between Police Judge Bryan and Mrs. Curtis at the shops of the Norfolk and Western. Judge Bryan addressed the men and refused to give way to Mrs. Curtis, who left the stand and spoke at another gate of the shops.

The campaign which closed to-night has lacked the usual bitterness of such campaigns, doubtless due to the holiday season. The Anti-Saloon League claims that the city will go dry by a large majority, but gives no figures. The Wets, who have made a thorough canvass of the city, claim that when the polls close to-morrow night Roanoke will have a grand majority of from 200 to 250 for license.

GOVERNOR GLENN SPEAKS

Takes Active Part in South Boston Campaign.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SOUTH BOSTON, Va., December 29.—Fifteen hundred people heard Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, deliver a strong and stirring temperance address at Edmund's Warehouse to-night. He was greeted with temperance songs and a song of the old North State by several hundred women and children. He used sound logic and beautiful oratory for two hours and a half, and was loudly cheered and applauded, and closed with a strong plea for the voters to vote right on Thursday. He was introduced by Judge Barkdale, of Houston, and Hon. James P. Duncan addressed a small crowd of anti-prohibitionists at the Opera House also to-night.

FIRE IN SUFFOLK

Flames Destroy Building on Washington Street.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SUFFOLK, Va., December 29.—Fire to-night about 10 o'clock was discovered in an upper floor of a brick building on East Washington Street. The entire building was burned. The lower floors were occupied by A. Nevey, clothing merchant; W. H. Sturges, a barber shop; Wang's Chinese laundry, and a dairy lunch. The upper floors were used as living rooms. An entire family block was treated for more than one hour, but before midnight the flames were under control. The losses, which cannot be closely approximated to-night, are partially covered by insurance. The buildings were owned by John B. Pinner.

Critically Ill

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, Va., December 29.—R. C. Quinn, head of the Quinn-Marsball Company, one of the largest wholesale concerns of the city; president of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, is seriously ill of pneumonia at his residence on Madison Street. Fears are entertained for his recovery.

Residence Is Burned

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 29.—The residence of Thomas Baker, of Spotsylvania county, was burned last night, with all its contents. The fire was caused by a neighbor's. The property was insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

STRIPS OLD MAN OF BELONGINGS

Norfolk Youth Leaves His Victim to Go Home Without Clothing.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., December 29.—Clarence Eckleberry was to-day sent on to the Corporation Court by Judge Simmons, in the Police Court, on the charge of stripping an old man, robbing him of every personal belonging of value, and then leaving him to find his way home as best he could, attired only in underclothing. The disclosure and robbery was exposed by Leo Baker, colored, who assisted Eckleberry in carrying out the old man to a house pointed out by the accused. Eckleberry told the negro that the old man was his father. The old man was well under the influence of liquor. The darkey's suspicious were aroused when he saw the young man strip the old gentleman of his overcoat, top coat, etc., and empty his pockets of valuables. Baker notified the police.

The victim proved to be W. W. Moore, who admitted that he was drunk and knew nothing of what had occurred. Patrolman Allen also testified to passing Eckleberry and Moore, the former explaining that he was carrying his father home. Mr. Moore admitted the loss of his clothing and about \$1 in cash.

Assistant Inspector-General

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, Va., December 29.—A circular to the camps of Virginia of the Confederate veterans has been issued, showing the following selections as assistant inspectors-general, as made by Inspector-General T. D. Jennings, of this place, the appointments representing the several congressional districts of the State, as follows:

First, George W. Nelms, of Newport News; Second, T. B. Jackson, of Norfolk; Third, O. E. Morgan, of Richmond; Fourth, George J. Rogers, of Petersburg; Fifth, B. Y. Fretwell, of Danville; Sixth, J. C. Featherston, of Lynchburg; Seventh, Oden Murray, of Winchester; Eighth, John A. Holman, of Jetersville; Culpeper county; Ninth, Samuel W. Williams, of Wytheville; Tenth, G. T. Pratt, of Waynesboro.

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